

WORK ON TAPPAHANNOCK
ROAD WILL START SOON

**Commissioner Coleman Promises Im-
provements Within Short Time
on Chief Highways.**

PLEADS FOR MORE FINANCES

Says Increased Federal Appropriations Mean Quicker Realization of Good Thoroughfares — Alvin Smith Raps Chamber's Officers.

Engineers of the State Highway Commission will begin work on the reconstructions of the roads between Richmond and Tappahannock soon. State Highway Commissioner Coleman promised yesterday at a mass-meeting of citizens from Richmond and the Northern Neck at Tappahannock, that a speedier start than an assembly of over 1,000 persons had. Mr. Colemen outlined the action already taken and that planned by the commission. He emphasized the need of more funds to carry out the road-building program and express the hope that the general movement now on foot to increase the Federal appropriation for roads would succeed.

Fifteen automobile loads of Richmonders marched through from here under the guidance of C. E. Anderson, of the Automobile Trade Association and W. H. Huntington, president of the Rotary Club.

ASHAMED OF HIGHWAYS.

Frank Lewis, of the Lancaster Good Roads Association; Senator Dunn, Alvin M. Smith, Mayor Burlington, E. Hugh Smith, representative of the Northumberland County Chamber of Commerce; Senator Lewis, Attorney-General J. B. Saunders, Assistant Attorney-General J. D. Hank and several others were the speakers.

"Virginia has the rottenest system of highways in the world," was the accusation of Alvin M. Smith, the representative of the Commonwealth of Commerce, and it is largely the fault of Virginia. When we set ourselves up as the first families of Virginia, up as a civilization older than other States, we have done little for our highways, and then that of our neighbors. Civilization is largely judged by improvement. When I ride over the roads I am ashamed of them," he said.

Mr. Colemen stated in his address that he was also ashamed to have to offer apologies for the absence of a present of an increased amount of chamber of commerce and the business manager of the same body, whose places he had gone to fill. He indicated that he thought the chamber should take more tangible interest in the good roads movement.

WANTS MORE MONEY.

Commissioner Coleman, after outlining the work already done on highways said in his address: "The total cost of the roads built out between \$55,000,000 and \$56,000,000 to properties construct the State highway system. You can readily see, therefore, that to meet the State's obligation to the Federal Government, which will require from twelve to fourteen years to do the work which we have in hand."

"We should take under consideration the advisability of supplementing the general funds of the State, or giving the full consideration to the issuing of bonds by the State for highway construction purposes."

"The time has come, however, for the present time to see that the present Federal appropriation is very materially increased sometime within the next two years. There has also been introduced a bill to establish a national highway system. Should these national plans materialize and the State place itself in position to meet them, I feel that we can easily come up to the reconstruction of our State highways in six years, a little better than dividing the first estimate of time in half."

WORK WILL TAKE TIME.

Mr. Colemen warned the people not to become impatient and expect large improvements immediately, and said that much time and care would be needed to improve the system of highways.

"I know what I have just said, you as citizens of Virginia will realize that you are embarking on the greatest business venture ever undertaken by the State; a business which will ultimately represent the expenditure of large sums of money."

"I am here to ask you to give it careful consideration and your support and co-operation in putting through the plan. You will finance it and as such are the stock-holders and you should see that it is properly administered."

Mr. Colemen spoke before noon and after a dinner had been served gratis to all the speakers continued. A dozen or more speakers, and about bushels of oysters had been provided. Watermelons had been sliced against a tree almost to the lower branches. Governor Westmoreland Davis and Senator Swanson, who were both invited, were unable to attend.

NEW SESSION AT RICHMOND
COLLEGE TO START TODAY

Courses at Westhampton, Largest on Record, Will Begin at 9 o'clock.

The new session at Richmond College and Westhampton College will open this morning at 9 o'clock when the first classes of the new college year will be held.

At both institutions the classes will meet on schedules from 9 o'clock until 12 o'clock. Professors will make assignments and announcements and will formally start the work in their departments.

Matriculation will continue today at the schools, started on Wednesday and each day until Friday. Seventy-five men matriculated at the college on Wednesday and more than 100 yesterday. Dean R. E. Gaines announced last night that about 100 men will matriculate in the various departments while a number will board in Richmond and go out to the campus for classes each day. The total enrollment will reach 350 according to the college authorities.

No less than 100 females are expected at Westhampton College. Dean May L. Keller said that more than 100 had already matriculated and that many who had not been in school had not yet arrived from their homes.

Students of the Richmond College law school will matriculate this afternoon at 5 o'clock. Dr. W. H. Pratt, president, and Professor M. C. Miller, in the law school building on Broad Street between Ryland and Lombardy Streets.

DELAY OPENING SERVICES

Rev. Frank W. Pratt Not to Return to First Unitarian Church Next Sunday.

Owing to the delayed arrival of this country of Rev. Frank W. Pratt, minister of the First Unitarian Church, opening service has been postponed until Sunday, September 28, at 11 A.M.

Mr. Pratt, who has been in Red Cross service in England, France and Germany, has been sick for a little while now a few days since and is spending a little time with his family in Massachusetts, expecting to reach Richmond the latter part of next week.

FAIR PRICE BOARD PLANS
DETERMINED CAMPAIGN

Certain Members Declare Selves in Favor of Raid Upon Profiteers.

WILL START PROBE AT ONCE

Morton Believes List of Fair Prices Would Be as Beneficial as List of Prices—Another Meeting Will Be Held Today.

Richmond's fair price committee, at least a part of it, means to conduct a determined campaign against profiteers, it was indicated yesterday afternoon, when the chairman and three of the members of the committee met in the office of Colonel C. R. Kelley, secretary of the State Council of Defense, in the City Building, and decided to push their campaign without waiting for regulations dealing with profiteers to be promulgated by the Attorney-General of the United States. The purpose of the committee was that investigations should be started at once. Discussion hinged on the speed with which Attorney-General Mitchell Palmer would prosecute his campaign and the way in which the matter of establishing of fair prices under Federal control.

In this discussion Chairman Grayson, Dr. Lindsey Gordon, and Kelley took a stand partly in favor of starting the campaign at once.

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Reorganization of the Richmond Community Council in preparation for the change in the Constitution of the city will take place the next Monday, October 1, according to Director Merle, who has been besieged with inquiries about this line.

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